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## COUNCIL GOES ROUND AND ROUND ON SOUTHWAY ABANDONMENT

by Elaine Skolnik

Someone once said, "Round and round it goes, where it stops no one knows." This appeared to be the fate of the November 5 special city council meeting called to consider abandonment proceedings on Southway Road — that is, until City Solicitor Emmett T. Nanna noted that, since the proceedings to abandon 25 feet of right of way on Southway were filed prior to formal ratification by Council, there was the possibility that the abandonment could be challenged. Council then unanimously moved that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. attorney, Al Ginsberg be advised to dismiss the abandonment action without prejudice and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

The 2½ hour meeting found Council in agreement that: (1) the abandonment of 25 feet was necessary to correct an error that had the city right of way passing through five GHI homes on the west side of Southway; (2) the communication lines among council members and the city manager concerning the negotiations and procedural matters had broken down and (3) the abandonment action probably should have been taken by the city rather than having GHI's counsel act on behalf of the city.

The hangup, however, stemmed from a combination of factors. Councilman Edgar Smith contended that the 75-foot right-of-way left to the city after abandonment may not be sufficient if future realignment is needed of the right-of-way between the east and west sides of Southway between Ridge and Crescent. He preferred a 100 ft. right-of-way.

He was joined by councilman Dick Pilski, whose recollection of the 2½-years' negotiations between GHI and the city was that there would be an exchange of land, with GHI giving up land on the east side of Southway. Concern was also expressed by Smith that not enough publicity had been given to the abandonment action.

A final complicating factor was an apparent reluctance on the part of some council members to get caught in the center of the GHI vs. Jim Smith suit which is scheduled for a hearing in January.

GHI president Charles Schwan stated that an exchange of land had been discussed during the GHI-city negotiations but that the city decided to pursue the abandonment only. Mayor Francis White explained that if the city acquired land on the east side of Southway, it would have additional maintenance responsibilities that GHI now assumes.

City manager James Giese added that the land swap had been dropped when it was determined that a 75-foot right of way would be sufficient for the city's needs inasmuch as Southway was not being considered for an arterial highway. He noted that Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission had also approved the 75-foot right of way.

Finally, it was stated that any realignment that would involve more than the 75-foot right of way would come close to the GHI garages and houses and probably take away some of the parking area from the apartments on Crescent.

Schwan and GHI treasurer John O'Reilly stated that the abandonment action had been talked about long before the Smith case and that the Smith case should have nothing to do with the discussion at hand.

The latter case involves an injunction sought by GHI to have the custom-made, antique car of Jim Smith, 4-H Southway, removed from his yard. The car is now parked on what is city land, but which would become GHI land after the abandonment. Smith had wanted to construct a carport with a driveway leading from Southway

### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 13, 8 p.m. GHI Preliminary Budget Hearings, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Nov. 14, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Mon., Nov. 17, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Wed., Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Homemakers Club, GHI Hospitality Room, Hamilton Pl.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m. SHL Civic Assoc., Community Room, SHL Shopping Center.

to his property. The GHI board had objected to the plans because it thought that it would be dangerous for a car to back out onto heavily-traveled Southway. The board also felt that an undesirable precedent would be set by approving private driveways. Part of Smith's defense is based on the fact that the car is not technically on GHI land.

Council members Joel Katz and Elizabeth Maffay were ready to take official action Wednesday night by ratifying the abandonment proceedings, but the other council members felt that further study was needed and the matter was held over to the November 17 meeting.

### 'Goodbye Charlie' Opens

"Goodbye Charlie", a two-act comedy, opens Thursday evening for a three-day run. Performances will be given at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (November 13, 14 and 15) at the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Written by George Axelrod, "Goodbye Charlie" concerns the hilarious plight of a playboy who is shot by a jealous husband and then reincarnated as a beautiful girl. This will be the first production of the Springhill Lake Players, a recently formed little theater group. Tickets are now being sold at the Springhill Lake Community House and also may be purchased at the door. Call 345-2327 or 474-0982 for further information.

### BOYS CLUB NEWS

by Jerry Shafer

We are still signing up boys for basketball for the coming year. We will sign up from 10 to 12 on Saturday morning, November 15, at the Youth Center. Practice will begin next week. Boys from Springhill Lake may sign up at the Elementary School from 10 to 12 on Saturday morning.

We are still in need of coaches for nearly every team. If anyone is interested in helping with this program contact Jerry W. Shafer at 474-1827 or Bob Bicknell at 474-1751.

We will also provide a program for girls if enough sign up. If you are interested, come down and sign up on Saturday.

## GHI's 1970 Budget To Reflect Tax Rise

by Al Skolnik

At a special Greenbelt Homes, Inc. meeting on October 30, the GHI board of directors received a preview of the effect of taxes and administrative and board expenses on the 1970 budget.

Taxes will have the biggest effect. Except for payroll costs, administrative and board expenses are not expected to be much higher in 1970 than in 1969.

In 1969, GHI charged its members \$306,948 for taxes. The actual tax bill, which GHI is challenging in the Maryland Tax Court, came to \$375,162. Part of this difference — \$13,529 — was met through tax reserves that had been accumulated in earlier years as the result of overestimation of taxes. How GHI will finance the rest has not yet been determined.

GHI manager Roy Breashears said that the major factor accounting for the increase was the unprecedented rise of 65c per \$100 of assessed valuation in the county tax rate. In other years variations in the county tax rate had been kept to amounts of less than 20 cents and GHI had anticipated in 1969 a tax increase of the same magnitude. Another factor contributing to GHI's woes this year was the hike in the corporation's property assessment — from about \$6,404,000 to \$7,977,680.

GHI officials are hopeful that a favorable court decision will reduce the \$375,162 tax bill, but they see little chance that the 1970 tax bill will be much different from the 1969 one, because of continuous pressure at the county level to increase the tax rate. The city tax rate is also subject to similar pressure, because new construction in Greenbelt has dropped off.

If the 1970 tax bill turns out to be of the same magnitude as the 1969 one, then GHI will have to charge members an additional \$68,000 in monthly charges for taxes. This is exclusive of any money needed to cover the extra 1969 tax.

In discussing administrative and sales expenses, Breashears noted that GHI sales have been dropping off in relation to those handled by other real estate firms. As a consequence, sales operations have been running at a deficit. Among the many suggestions made to remedy this situation was a proposal to combine the membership fee with the sales commission and institute a flat fee that would be sufficient to meet sales expenses.

## SHL Civic Association To Meet November 20

The Springhill Lake Civic Association is moving energetically to broaden its membership base to represent all viewpoints in the community. All civic-minded residents are being urged to attend the next meeting on Thursday, November 20, at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room upstairs in the SHL Shopping Center. The business of the meeting will consist of election of a Board of Directors and general discussion of means of furthering the Association's objectives.

The bylaws, adopted last month, call for a seven-member Board of Directors, which will serve for one year. Nominations will be taken from the floor prior to the election. Nominations should be accompanied by a brief biographical statement and the consent of the nominee.

Membership is open to all Springhill Lakers. No age requirement was set so that the young people of the community might join and add their influence to that of their elders.

## Repurchase Agreement Holds School Site Key, City Told

by Al Skolnik

All major unresolved issues between the Greenbelt city council and the Prince Georges County Board of Education with respect to the three-school complex will need to await the outcome of further negotiations between the school board and the previous owners of the 72-acre tract (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner, and associates). This is the word that board president W. Carroll Beatty told a Greenbelt delegation at the November 11 meeting of the board at Upper Marlboro.

The city council had asked for a meeting with the school board to resolve a series of problems arising out of the proposed construction of a senior high school on the land between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. These matters concerned city dedication of the 4½-acre sanitary landfill, abandonment of the sanitary landfill road, the status of the subdivision plan, a second access road to the school tract, and a city request for acquisition of land not required for school purposes.

The school board had petitioned the county commissioners to abandon a portion of the sanitary landfill road. This was intended to be part of a city-school board agreement whereby the city would transfer the landfill property to the school board in turn for board agreement to dedicate the right-of-way for the perimeter road.

The former owners of the 72-acre tract have now claimed the right to purchase back land (including the perimeter road right-of-way) that the school board would not need for school purposes at the original price plus 6 percent per annum interest. At Tuesday's meeting Paul Nussbaum, school board attorney, said that the document, with this reverter clause, had been fully executed and that a tentative appointment had been set up with the owners of the land next week to see if the issue could be settled.

Nussbaum would make no comment as to the legal status of the repurchase agreement, which had been signed in June 1966 but had been forgotten until two months ago. It was thought by one school board official that the agreement might be nullified by subsequent negotiations conducted earlier this year with the owners regarding the purchase of 10.6 additional acres (needed to permit the positioning of the schools and perimeter road in a satisfactory manner). At that time, the school board had offered to trade parts of the land the owners now seek to repurchase as part of the consideration for the 10 acres, but the offer was declined.

### Pilski Speaks

Councilman Dick Pilski, speaking on behalf of city council, raised the fear that the claims of the former owners would jeopardize the dedication of the perimeter right-of-way. Beatty told the council not to get agitated and to "hold it" while the school board settled the repurchase matter with the former owners. The reason for the council's concern was that it was being asked to acquiesce in the abandonment petition scheduled for December 5 without, according to Pilski, being assured that the perimeter road dedication would be fulfilled.

The council also made known its concern that too many matters were being decided without informing Greenbelt. Beatty assured the council that it would be kept fully informed of the negotiations between the school board and the former owners.

### Views Exchanged

At times the temper of the meeting got heated as Greenbelt members of the audience and other

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### AGENDA

#### Regular Meeting of CITY COUNCIL

Monday, Nov. 17, 1969  
8 p.m.

#### I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/3/69 and Special Meeting 11/5/69
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

#### II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports

#### III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Ordinance to Amend Section II of Ordinance 569 to Provide a Personnel Plan (2nd reading - Mr. Smith)
- 10 Ordinance to Establish a Municipal Traffic Code (2nd reading - Mr. Pilski)
- 11 Ordinance Regulating the Carrying and Prohibiting the Use of Deadly Weapons - Mr. Smith
- 12 Ordinance Regulating Skating on Greenbelt Lake (2nd reading - Mr. Pilski)
- 13 Ordinance to Appropriate \$670.86 from the Municipal Service Building Construction Fund Unappropriated Surplus Funds (2nd reading - Mr. Pilski)
- 14 Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - \$5,200 (2nd reading - Mr. Smith)
- 15 Preliminary Plan - Youth Center Addition
- 16 Petition to Abandon Sanitary Landfill Road
- 17 Ad Hoc Committee on Elections
- 18 Abandonment of Portion of Southway Road

#### IV NEW BUSINESS

- 19 Reconstruction of Southway Road
- 20 County Zoning Procedures
- 21 Proposed Amendment to County Subdivision Laws

#### V Miscellaneous

## Poster Contest Winners

Winners of the 1969 Fire Prevention Poster Contest were as follows: for Center School: Harry Fendley, 5th Grade; Beth Wilson and Bonnie Griggs, 4th Grade; Kristie Harman, 3rd Grade; Judy Chalupa, Judges Award; for Saint Hugh's: Coleen O'Hagan, 6th Grade; Patti Fowler, 5th Grade; and Lennie Marrie Folker; for North End: Kim Scheibel, 6th Grade; Lorrie Scheibel, 5th Grade; Dennis McCloskey, 4th Grade; Wendy Crabill, 3rd Grade.

## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

### Preliminary Budget Hearings

to be held on

November 13th and 20th

at the

### Board of Directors Meeting

8 p.m. GHI Board Room

All Members Welcome



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## Valuable Land

To the Editor:

In the News Review report of City Council meeting on November 3, two items give me, a taxpayer, much concern. These are the eagerness of City Council to enter into agreement to exchange or give away City owned land — in one instance to a public body, the Prince Georges County School Board, and in the other to a private corporation, GHI.

I can well understand the predicament City Council finds itself in by the procedure of GHI for the abandonment of a 25 foot right-of-way on the west side of Southway Road, and I certainly agree with Councilman Pilski that the City Attorney should have been in on this legal action by GHI involving a public right-of-way. It is very important now that City Council protects the legal rights of all the tax payers in this matter.

Southway Road, like the other roads in Greenbelt, was dedicated to "Public Use" under the custody of the City of Greenbelt. The City Attorney might well investigate just how far the City of Greenbelt can proceed for the Public when it comes to abandoning part of the public right-of-way for the benefit of any privately owned corporation like GHI. Legal standards require a minimum of eighty feet of right-of-way on an arterial road, such as Southway Road and to abandon 25 feet of a 100 foot right-of-way would only leave a 75 foot right-of-way for the improvement of Southway Road, which the citizens voted for in the \$950,000 bond issue.

This is very valuable land not only to GHI but to all the citizens and taxpayers of Greenbelt and they are entitled to a public hearing before any action is taken by City Council.

The other subject which concerns me is an abandonment of 4½ acres of Sanitary Land Fill area, but that item is tied in with the proposed perimeter Road, which will be discussed at a later date.

Charles T. McDonald

## City Notes

The Public Works Dept. is now operating for the most part out of the new Municipal Service Building. Employees report there for the day's work, and the mechanics shop there is in full use. Most of the new furniture ordered for the building has been received; where it is lacking, employees have substituted folding tables and chairs.

The process of moving supplies and equipment over to the new building from the old warehouses across Kenilworth Ave. is being done at odd times, as the need arises and as vehicles are available. To make ready for delivery there of the city's salt supply against winter weather, the city crew constructed a retaining wall off the main parking lot.

During the week of November 3 the city crew took care of various odd jobs, such as boarding up for the winter the windows and doors of the bath house at the swimming pool, replacing broken street signs and those removed temporarily during the recent curb and gutter work, and completing repairs on two vehicles—the Parks crew's pick-up truck and a bulldozer. On November 10 they set up the stand for the Veterans Day services on Centerway.

City Manager James Giese, Supervisor of Public Works, Albert Attick, and Recreation Director Darald Lofgren called on Hans Jorgensen, the city's Parks Director, who is recovering in Annapolis after surgery. Then they went on to Beverly Beach to inspect various recreational supplies and equipment which had been advertised for sale.

## Council to Consider Most of Ordinances

City Council will take up for second reading and final passage a host of ordinances at its next meeting on Monday November 17. These include ordinances to establish a traffic code, to regulate the use of deadly weapons, to regulate skating on Greenbelt Lake, and to amend the city's personnel plan.

The traffic ordinance is intended to be a comprehensive codification and reorganization of all city traffic ordinances. Some of the new features are:

Provides 30 mile speed limits on portions of Crescent, Southway and Edmonston Road.

Designates Gentry Drive as an arterial street.

Requires traffic from all directions to stop at Breezewood - Cherrywood - Gentry Drive intersections.

Requires Springhill Drive traffic to stop at the intersection with Cherrywood Lane.

Prohibits driving over curbs, except with permit. Provides for the City Manager to require bonds and establish regulations.

Regulates funeral processions.

Regulates parades and processions.

Requires cars to park within painted parking spaces where so designated.

Would lift present overnight parking restrictions on commercial vehicles in commercial areas where parking is otherwise not restricted.

Permits parking of boats, trailers and campers on City streets for periods of time up to 18 hours and longer if temporary permission is obtained from the City. Presently, such parking is prohibited at all times. These regulations also add trucks with camper bodies and other bodies with sleeping accommodations to the regulations.

Prohibits dismantled or inoperative vehicles on residentially zoned property for longer than 48 hours, unless stored in an enclosed garage.

Regulates pedestrians.

Maximum fine increased to \$100.

Payment to City in lieu of Police Department obtaining a warrant, with fee increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

The new ordinance regulating the carrying of and prohibiting the use of deadly weapons deletes obsolete passages relating to the operation of a city rifle range.

Under the new skating ordinance, ice skating on Greenbelt Lake will be prohibited unless the city manager authorizes the posting of signs permitting skating. The city manager shall establish criteria for the thickness and condition of ice which shall be the basis for permitting skating. Skating shall be at a person's own risk.

The amendment of the personnel plan would permit temporary non-classified appointments for periods of six months, instead of the present four. The purpose is to reduce the amount of paper work involved in reappointments. The Recreation Dept. employs a number of such part-time workers.

## CITY OF GREENBELT - POSITION OPENING

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council members questioned the circumstances surrounding the purchase agreement. Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay asked whether it was common to make such purchase agreements with sellers of land. Others wanted to know why the agreement had not become public knowledge, and even came as a surprise to some school board officials.

Both Beatty and Nussbaum said that this type of agreement was not unusual. Nussbaum explained that the board's failure to acknowledge the agreement earlier was simply due to the misplacement of the document.

Beatty and school board members, in turn, questioned whether Greenbelt's complaints at this point did not in reality stem from its gripe at having the board choose a school site that it opposed. Pilski had earlier referred to the fact that that the council had told the school board three years ago that there would be additional costs involved in the purchase of the 3-school complex site. He had followed this up with a statement that already the board has had to purchase additional acreage (10.6 acres at \$193,000) and now wants the city to donate the landfill and to build roads.

School board member Ruth Wolf, agreeing with Beatty, referred to the extended court suit brought by GHI to forestall use of the 72-acre tract for a school. City manager James Giese reminded her that the suit was brought by a private party, not the city, and that the city is concerned with today's problems.

## Access Roads

One of these problems, Giese said, is the matter of access to the school. The city wants a second access road to the school, preferably Hamilton Place. The Park and Planning Commission last month deferred approval of the subdivision plan prepared by the school board primarily because it did not call for a second access road. A meeting was subsequently to be called among the parties concerned to settle the matter, but so far no action has been taken.

Also unresolved is the matter of who will pay for the access roads. Pilski observed that the high school is to be constructed on land that is one-quarter of a mile from the nearest paved road. Beatty said that the school board does not build roads.

Stating that the city had not money for roads, city officials present made plain that in their judgement the voters of Greenbelt would not approve a city bond issue to pave the access roads to a school site that they do not favor. Beatty said that the school board would not construct a school without an access road, and he never knew of a situation where the municipality and the school board could not reach an agreement on such matters.

Concern was also expressed on how the narrow residential roads of Greenbelt would handle the construction and later the school traffic generated by the three-school complex. Mrs. Maffay described the narrow width of Northway and the fact that it was already a hazard to children who have to travel the road to attend St. Hughs and North End School. School staff official Elliott Robertson then suggested that Ridge Road might be used and stated that, in any event, it would be the responsibility of the city to control the traffic and improve the roads.

In a related problem and one of the few on which agreement was reached, the board and city council agreed that their respective staffs should get together to consider modification of school plans so as to provide greater use of the high school for recreational purposes.

## Woman's Club News

The November Membership Meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held Thursday, November 13, in the Social Room of the Community Church, at 8:15 p.m.

The program will present Mr. William A. Smith, III, International Patent Specialist, as guest speaker for the evening. All members are invited to attend.

## Charles Slaugh

Charles E. Slaugh, 63, of 9-D Ridge Rd., died suddenly on Friday, October 31. He is survived by his wife, Marian, by two sons, Charles E., Jr., and Frederick A., and by one granddaughter. He was an employee of The Board of Census.

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Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Marian Slaugh, 9-D Ridge, who lost her husband, Charles, last week.

Condolences to Mrs. Clare Jacobs, 37-B Ridge, on the death of her mother.

Mrs. Nora Bendish of International Falls, Minn., arrived Saturday for an extended visit with her sister Anna G. Vorce and family, 15-D Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cottingham are back from a two-week holiday in Florida. Doris is secretary to the city manager.

The folks from the 73 Court of Ridge Rd., are happy to welcome home again Herbie Breinin, who was recently in Prince Georges Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

It's a boy for the Thomas Marshalls, 117 Rosewood Drive. Jonathan David was born October 14 and joins a sister Kimberly Ann and brother Christopher Scott.

A get-well-quick to June Goldstein, 6-Y Plateau, who is in Prince Georges Hospital after injuring her arm.

## Xmas Idea Exchange

The Greenbelt Extension Home-maker's Club will meet on Wed. Nov. 19 at the G.H.I. Hospitality Room on Hamilton Place at 8 p.m. Feature of the evening will be a Christmas Idea Exchange at which time members will bring for display, articles for gift giving and/or decorations.

Club membership is open to any woman of the community who is interested in creative arts, family living and community development. The club is guided by materials and helps from University of Maryland Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

## 4-H LUCKY LEAVES

By Kathleen Coyne

Another 4-H year has begun with a bang! We had a picnic, election of officers, and some of our officers went to the Officer's Training Meeting. Also, we have started a picture in stitchery for our home furnishing project.

The officers we elected are as follows: President, Kim Potts; Vice President, Patty Levesque; Secretary, Janice McFarland; Treasurer, Peggy Bates; Reporter, Kathleen Coyne; Song Leader, Kathy Kiddy; and Recreation Leaders, Julie Maffay and Nancy Gaffney.

Congratulations to all!

## HALLOWEEN WINNERS

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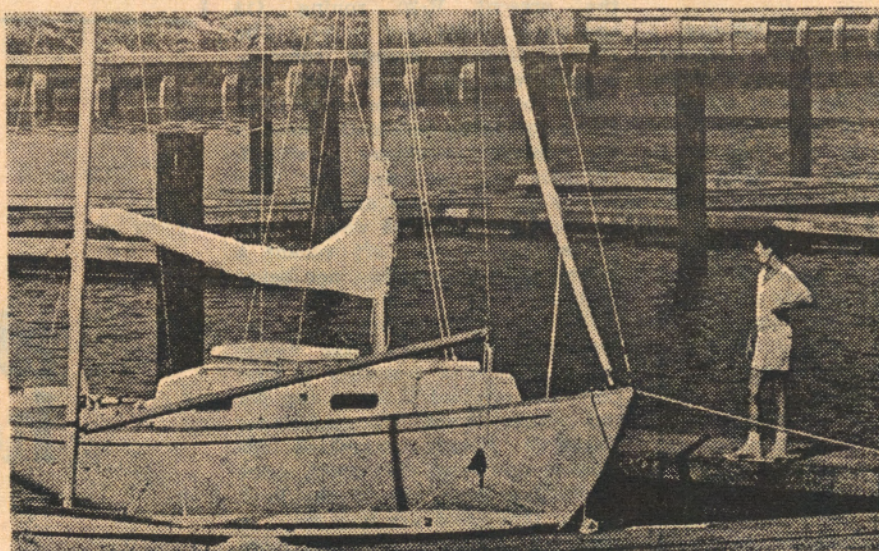
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## Current Enrollment Figures Cited in Greenbelt Schools

by Elaine Skolnik

The enrollment picture at Greenbelt elementary schools is mixed this year as Springhill Lake reports a sharp increase and St. Hugh's a considerable decrease. There was little change at Center and North End schools, but the trend was upwards at Greenbelt Junior High and Parkdale Senior High.

### Elementary Schools

North End's student body numbers 603 (including four kindergarten classes), an increase of 2.5% over last year's enrollment. The school's pupil capacity is approximately 600 (based on the Board of Education's formula of 30 pupils per classroom). The principal is Mrs. Helene Poland.

The staff of 23 full-time teachers is composed of grade, kindergarten, physical education, music, and special education teachers. Part-time personnel include French, instrumental, speech, and reading teachers and a librarian.

Center School reports an enrollment of 604 (including four kindergarten sessions), down some 3.9% over last year. The rated capacity of the school is approximately 634. Among the full-time staff of 25 are grade, kindergarten, physical education, music and five special education teachers. Two aides assist the latter. Employed part-time at the school are French, speech, instrumental and reading teachers and a librarian. A guidance counselor is associated with the school on a fulltime basis.

Robert Ellis, principal, spoke of the highly successful Volunteer Parent program which involves parents in the education of their children. Operating through the PTA, approximately 110 parents have already assumed clerical, health room, and research assignments. Others work directly with the students under the direction of the teachers. Ellis anticipates some 130 parents will be involved in the program during the school year.

Springhill Lake School's enrollment is up 15.6% over last year. According to Mrs. Ethel Golden, principal, the present student body totals 694 (six kindergarten classes); the pupil capacity of the school is 750. The professional staff of 27 consists of vice-principal Mrs. Shirlee Marks, grade, kindergarten, music, physical education and special education teachers and a librarian. Part-time teachers instruct in French, reading, speech and instruments. The library now serves as a multi-media center featuring audio-visual as well as reading materials.

St. Hugh's School (grades 1 through 8) has a total enrollment of 293. This is a 19.2% decrease from last year's figures of 326. The staff consists of nine classroom teachers, two physical education coaches and an art and music teacher. Sister Anne Frederick, C.S.C., is the principal.

### Greenbelt Junior High School

The enrollment picture at Greenbelt Junior High depicts an 8% rise this year. There are 1,159 students presently enrolled, and the rated capacity of the school is 1,275. According to principal Francis Furgang, "finishing touches to the new addition are near completion, and the library should be open by the fifteenth of this month." The total personnel at the school numbers 89. Two vice-principals are among the professional staff of 64.

### Parkdale

A 51% increase in Parkdale Senior High School brings the total enrollment to 2,664. The upswing was caused by the inclusion for the first time of twelfth graders in the school. The new school, which opened its doors last year, has a pupil capacity of 1800. Twelve temporary ("red schoolhouses") have been installed to accommodate the overflow of students until the new addition is completed in time for the opening of the next school year.

In operation, also, is a modified split session, in which 350 students start and finish a full-school day earlier than the remainder of the student body. Traffic at the school has been eased by the construction of a second access road.

The total staff consists of some 179 persons; 139 teachers, including

four vice-principals.

Principal Dr. G. Allen Sager noted that, for the second year, Parkdale and Nicholas Orem schools in cooperation with the University of Maryland, comprise the only teacher-education center in the county. Under the supervision of an education coordinator, student teachers are engaged in a comprehensive program which includes intensive experience for one-half day with one teacher and observation of other teachers for the remainder of the day. Opportunities are also given the student teacher to assume hall, bus and other duties. This differs from the old system of assigning the student teacher full-time to one teacher for a limited period.

The teacher center also employs video-taping techniques which aid the student teacher in improving his weaknesses and developing his strengths. Parkdale teachers, Dr. Sager said, benefit in the program by utilizing the machines and availing themselves of courses operated by the university at the school.

Dr. Sager also spoke enthusiastically of an innovation that involves a full-time audio-visual aid specialist (formerly an art teacher) and a production crew composed of students who develop various audio-visual materials. Under the direction of the specialist, the students have produced a sound film strip in color entitled, "LSD - a Deadly Experience." The movie has been used as an instructional tool and shown throughout the school. Another film originating with the group concerns the Aztec Civilization. "It's amazing," said Dr. Sager. "They developed the story line, did the research and handled all the necessary technical work."

### Lakeside North Rezoning Request Turned Down By P. G. Planning Board

A request for rezoning the 19-acre Lakeside North apartment tract for construction of 125 townhouses was turned down on Wednesday, November 5, by the Prince Georges County Planning Board, who recommended no change in the present R-30 zoning (14 apartment units per acre). The Prince Georges county commissioners will have the final say.

The owners of the property (Sigmund and Mona Goldblatt) through the contract purchaser David H. Hillman had petitioned for R-18 zoning (21 units per acre) on the grounds that present development of the parcel had left vacant a 4-acre tract which was not being utilized.

The County Planning Board observed, however, that the 4-acre green space was necessary to support the original R-30 zoning for the entire tract. Commissioner Theodore Miazga expressed the view of the board that green space is itself a good use of the land, noting that trees are important in reducing the level of carbon monoxide in the air from automobile exhaust systems.

The original owners of the parcel clustered the construction of the present 276 Lakeside North apartments in such a way as to concentrate the green space in one area. Both the city of Greenbelt and the Technical Staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission objected to the diversion of the green space for additional construction.

The County Planning Board also cited the adverse effects on traffic and schools of further construction. Mention was made of the already heavy peak hour traffic at the intersection of Crescent and Kenilworth Ave.

The Greenbelt Master Plan adopted by MNCPPC on March 12, 1969, showed no change in the R-30 zoning for this property.

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